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RE: Microsoft Settlement

It is important to all that this law suit end. Microsoft has by their example taken the computer and software industry above and beyond the industries expectations. Our country has always been one that we have the freedom to inovate. Microsoft has made computer use possible for many users by making a working software that all could use easily. It is unfair to punish them for doing this. In the end the consumer is the one that suffers. When A.T.& T. split to meet the courts demands now we receive three different bills each month rather than one. The consumers are the ones that have to deal with the consequences. This doesn't seem fair.

Microsoft has free of charge given computers and software to many schools in Washington State and a few to other states as well. If they had not done this the schools would not have been able to provide computers for the children to use and have this opportunity.

America has managed on Competition being healthy. It makes the product better. It sounds to me that the complainers do not have the intelligence or where with all to inovate something on their own, to make a product that is competitive and make it better for all consumers. So why should Microsoft have to be punished because they were willing to inovate.

Sincerely,

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